

REMARKS

The specification is amended herein based on the priority document, Japanese Patent App. No. 2003-100575, which is expressly incorporated by reference in the present specification. A complete English translation of JPA 2003-100575 is submitted herewith.

Claims 1 and 6 are also amended based on the disclosure of the priority document. Support for the amendments is found for example, on page 11, lines 2-3 and in the priority document (via its incorporation by reference into the present specification) on page 2.

Accordingly, upon entry of the Amendment, claims 1-14 and 21-22 will be all of the claims pending in the application.

I. IDS Form

As requested by the Examiner, a copy of the PTO/SB/08 Form filed with the IDS on February 2, 2004, is submitted herewith.

II. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

A. Kunita et al

Claims 1-14, 21 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Kunita et al (U.S. 2004/0068026 A1), primarily in view of the disclosure of Example 1 of Kunita et al.

B. Fujimaki

Claims 1-6, 8-14, 21 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Fujimaki et al (U.S. 2004/0234893 A9), primarily in view of the disclosure of Example 12.

C. Applicants' Response:

Applicants claim priority to JP 2003-100575, filed on April 3, 2003 in Japan which antedates the effective date of September 25, 2003 of Kunita et al and the effective date of August 12, 2003 of Fujimaki et al. The subject matter of the present claims is described in the priority document for example on page 2. A sworn English translation of the priority document is filed herewith in compliance with 37 CFR 1.55.

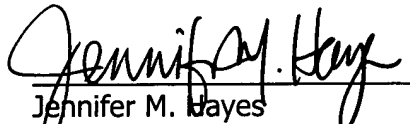
Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

III. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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